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SUBJECT: UPPER VOLTA'S MILITARY BUILD UP

1. ON TRIP THROUGH SAHEL APRIL 8-10 EMBASSY OFFICER OBSERVED CONSIDERABLE VOLTAN MILITARY PRESENCE WHICH WAS NOT APPARENT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. AREA VISITED WAS OUAHIGOUYA, TITAO, DJIBO, ARIBINDA, GOROM-GOROM AND MARKOYE. DJIBO IN THE WEST AND GOROM-GOROM IN THE EAST APPEAR TO BE THE MAIN CENTERS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY WITH LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS, ALL CARRYING RIFLES (INCLUDING SOME M-16'S). MANY WEARING HELMETS.

2. IN DJIBO, SEVERAL BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE ARMY AND NEW COMMUNICATION LINES HAVE BEEN STRUNG. AN 800 METER LANDING STRIP HAS BEEN BUILT RECENTLY JUST OUTSIDE DJIBO. MILITARY SUB-PREFECT IN DJIBO DESCRIBED CURRENT SITUATION IN AREA AS "WAR". HE HAS SPECIAL HOT LINE TO OUAGADOUGOU IN HIS OFFICE. HE SAID VOLTAN
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TROOPS ARE STATIONED SEVERAL KILOMETERS NORTH OF DJIBO.

3. NORTH OF GORM-GORM, A NEW ARMY CAMP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT VILLAGE OF SALMOSSI BETWEEN GOROM-GOROM AND MARKOYE WITH PERHAPS AS MANY AS 200 ARMED TROOPS, TRUCKS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. A RELIABLE SOURCE IN MARKOYE STATED THAT ARMY DETACHMENTS HAVE BEEN POSITIONED AT VILLAGE OF TIN AKOF ON BELI RIVER AND AT TAMBEO MANGANESE SITE. NO MILITARY PRESENCE WAS OBSERVED AT ARIBINDA BUT IT WAS REPORTED THAT VOLTANS WILL SOON BUILD A LANDING STRIP NEAR THE TOWN.

4. ABOVE REPORT APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT VOLTAN ARMY, WHICH WAS REPORTED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN AS MUCH AS 20 KMS FROM CONTESTED AREA FOLLOWING DECEMBER LOME MEETING, IS NOW POSITIONED ALL ALONG THE CONTESTED AREA AND IN SOME CASES VERY CLOSE TO IT. SINCE MALIANS ARE KNOWN TO BE SENDING PATROLS REGULARLY INTO THE CONTESTED AREA, THERE IS REAL DANGER OF AN ARMED CLASH.
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